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Recognition of the coordinating and facilitating role of the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court

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The Assembly of States Parties,

Bearing in mind rules 93 and 95 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties, providing for the participation of non-governmental organizations in the meetings of the Assembly and its subsidiary bodies,

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolutions 52/160 of 15 December 1997, 53/105 of 8 December 1998, 54/105 of 9 December 1999, 55/155 of 12 December 2000 and 56/85 of 12 December 2001, which provided for the participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court,

Acknowledging the important contribution of the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court to the establishment of the International Criminal Court through its coordination and facilitation of the efforts of non-governmental organizations before, during and after the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court and the ten sessions of the Preparatory Commission,

Acknowledging also the facilitating and coordinating role of the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court with regard to the accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations in the first and resumed first sessions of the Assembly of States Parties,

Welcoming the commitment of the host State to enable the establishment and functioning of the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court in the host State,

Stressing the role of public awareness and universal civil society involvement in furthering the establishment and functioning of the International Criminal Court,

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and bearing in mind the international efforts to that end undertaken by the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court,

1. *Welcomes* the coordinating and facilitating role of the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court as a liaison between both the non-governmental organizations community and the Assembly, and the non-governmental organizations community and the International Criminal Court;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the cooperative relationship between the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court and the host State, as well as the steps being taken by the host State to enable the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court to operate fully as a liaison in the host State.